



2011 TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS) Simulation Workshop

In support of developing Wildland Fire Decision Support System (WFDSS)* capacity and expertise at the local level, the Region along with the National WFDSS team is hosting a 3-day **WFDSS Simulation Workshop**. The objectives of the workshop are two-fold: to present recent updates to WFDSS and to facilitate a simulation building session for local forest WFDSS “table-top” exercises.

Course Description: The first day of the workshop offers a general overview of WFDSS showcasing updated system capabilities for the 2011 fire season. The second day of the workshop focuses on building a simulation exercise for local WFDSS subject matter experts to bring back to their local unit. The third day of the workshop will be to finalize each Forest’s simulation exercise and to discuss regional WFDSS issues with the national WFDSS team.

WFDSS Simulation Workshop: Start: May 10 @1000 End: May 12 @1200
 Danny Rhynes Training Center (DRTC)
 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave.
 San Bernardino, CA 92408

Course Times: Day 1 – Overview and Updates	
1000 - 1200	WFDSS Navigation and System Updates
1300 - 1630	
Course Times: Day 2 – Strategic Simulation Building	
0800 – 1200	Review Simulation Template and build local forest simulation scenario
1300 - 1630	
Course Times: Day 3 – Strategic Simulation and Discussions with National Team	
0800 - 1200	Finalize local forest scenario Discussion and closeout

***WFDSS Description:** WFDSS is a web-based system that provides several decision support tools and decision documentation to assist fire managers and agency administrators in making strategic decisions for wildland fire incidents. It is designed to replace the WFS (Wildland Fire Situation Analysis), Wildland Fire Implementation Plan (WFIP), and Long-Term Implementation Plan (LTIP) processes with a single process that is easier to use, more intuitive, linear, scalable, and progressively responsive to changing fire complexity.

Target Audience: Individuals who are WFDSS Subject Matter Experts and are expected to lead a forest level WFDSS simulation as well as those who will be supporting Line Officers and Fire Managers in the role of WFDSS “Authors” during wildland fire events.

Each administrative unit is required to have at least one laptop that has the capability to connect to the Forest Service network or have a wireless internet air card. Please coordinate with other students from your unit.

Tuition: Free.

Travel & Per Diem is the responsibility of the home unit.

Nomination deadline: C.O.B. 4/12/2011. Submit your NWCG Nomination Forms through your training officer and normal training nomination process to the Danny Rhynes Training Center (DRTC) via email at drtc@fs.fed.us or via fax 909-382-4192. Selection roster and student selection letter will be out by 4/15/2011. Training Officers need to prioritize all nominees. Class size is limited to 30 students. US Forest Service will have priority for the first 25 students.

Questions can be directed to

Danny Rhynes Training Center (DRTC) staff at 909 382-2984; by email at drtc@fs.fed.us

Or Phil Bowden - WFDSS Training Coordinator pbowden@fs.fed.us

Additional information about WFDSS can be located at the following website:
https://wfdss.usgs.gov/wfdss/WFDSS_Home.shtml